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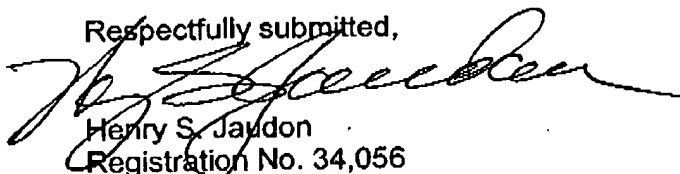
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1. Response under 37 CFR 1.112 to the PTO Action of 4/25/2005.

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The election of species requirement as set forth in the PTO Action of 1/01/2005 has been restated as follows.

An election of species is required between the following patentably distinct inventions.

- I. The latch assembly species as shown in Figures 1-4;
- II. The latch assembly species as shown in Figure 6;
- III. The latch assembly species as shown in Figure 8;
- IV. The operator species as shown in Figure 5;
- V. The operator species as shown in Figure 5A;
- VI. The operator species as shown in Figure 7;
- VII. The operator species as shown in Figure 9.

Applicant is required to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable.

The action states that it is not clear that there are any generic claims.

Applicant elects Group I, the species of Figures 1-4.

As stated in the response of 2/10/05, independent claims 1, 25 and 35 read on the elected species. These claims are also generic and read on species II-VII.

As dependent claims 2-24, 26-34 and 36-40 all depend from generic claims 1, 25 or 35, should one of these claims be found to be allowable, all claims warrant action on the merits.

Dependent claims 2-9, 12-22, 24, 26, 29, 30, 37-39 all read on the elected species as shown in Figures 1-4.

It is requested that the claims be given an action on the merits.

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